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EnCana approves split from Cenovus

BUSINESS Energy giant EnCana announced yesterday that the time is right to proceed with a plan to split into two independent energy companies.

The company's Board of Directors unanimously approved plans to split the company into a natural gas company continuing with the name EnCana (GasCo), and Cenovus Energy, an integrated oil company.

"We believe the conditions are now favourable to proceed with the split," said Randy Eresman, EnCana's president and CEO.

"Global economic indicators suggest that the world's economies are showing promising signs of recovery."

The transaction is targeted for completion by the end of November 2009. METRO CALGARY

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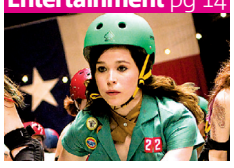

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Web Guy in sky

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Spider-Man, a.k.a. Mike Talbot, gets ready to spin some web as he rappels 375 feet down the Sun Life Plaza tower. Spidey appeared as part of the annual Easter Seals Drop Zone where over 100 participants joined in to help support the cause.

'Modern day slaves'

20 human trafficking charges laid

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Three rescued victims of "modern-day slavery" are now living in safehouses, freed from a life of involuntary prostitution at an Edmonton massage parlour.

"They were very withdrawn. I don't want to compare it to an animal, but they were like scared dogs. They clung to each other," Edmonton Police vice Cst. Dave Schenning said, describing the women investigators discovered upon raiding Sachi Spa last week. "All I could see was fear."

Three people face a combined 20 human trafficking-related charges — the first of their kind ever laid in Western Canada.

Investigators say the women, originally from China and Fiji, were lured to Edmonton by ads in foreign newspapers, offering promising careers in the massage trade.

"They ate, drank and slept in the room they worked in," Schenning said, adding the women were threatened their families would be told if they ever left.

"Major" psychological manipulation and fear kept the 21 to 24-year-old women working as prostitutes, he said, adding it may have made them fearful toward police.

"We had to work hard to assure them we were there to help and that they're the victims, not in trouble."

Investigators say the bust scratches the surface of the global human trafficking pandemic. Canadian laws addressing the crime did not exist until 2005.

Mei Fang Chen, 33, Xiu Zheng Chen, 32, and Qui Wang, 41, were charged with offences including trafficking persons, living off the avails of prostitution, exercising control, direction, or influence over a person for the purposes of prostitution, keeping a common bawdy house.

Furlan family paints deceased woman as loving mom

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INFO The family of a woman found dead on the weekend want their sister to be remembered as a loving mother, not a woman with drug problems, as she has been made out to be.

Lisa Diaz and Michelle Furlan spoke to media yesterday about their sister Laura Furlan, 38, who was found dead in Fish Creek Park on Monday. Police are treating her death as suspicious, but they haven't confirmed it a homicide.

"She had so much love for her son. He reads the papers and so do his friends and he is very distressed. He is a teenaged boy," Furlan said of media reports the woman had a history of drug addictions. "He has to go to school on Monday."

Instead, her family said the focus should be on what a loving person she was, with "an infectious laugh."

"She had a job in oil and gas, she was a normal person. She liked to cook; she liked to read … she loved animals."

Police are asking for anyone with information to come forward as they try to determine what happened.

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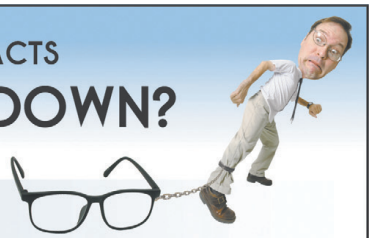
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Fighting cancer on the ice

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The Canadian Cancer Society will take the fight against cancer to the ice when the Face Off Against Cancer weekend-long hockey tournament kicks off this Friday in Chestermere. NHL alumni and celebrities will join teams to raise money for the society.

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Calgary in brief

FILM FEST The Calgary International Film Festival opening Sept. 25 will feature a Canadian-made movie called Crackie on the opening day. The festival is also running a new competition called Mavericks, which will see 10 directors compete for a $25,000 prize from American Express. For more information, go to calgaryfilm.com.

REPORT The fatality inquiry report into a woman who was found unresponsive at a private residence in Calgary while on statutory release on Nov. 11, 2004, found she died of a drug overdose, the Alberta government revealed yesterday. The medical cause of death for Carrie Rivait was morphine and cocaine toxicity.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT Innisfail RCMP are investigating an alleged attempted sexual assault that is believed to have occurred around 10:30 p.m. Tuesday. An adult female fought off an attack after being grabbed from behind by a male suspect, police said. RCMP are looking for a man who is five feet 10, thin with a darker complexion, and was wearing a plain black hoodie, black cap and dark blue jeans and smelled of cigarettes.

ASSIGNMENT Calgary firefighters from Station 17 gave University of Calgary students an assignment Thursday, to help them review fire safety in their accommodations. They were provided a checklist that scores their preparation for fire prevention. METRO CALGARY

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Solar home ready to shine

Post-secondary team reveals energy-efficient SolAbode

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Team Alberta's decathletes and their Enmax SolAbode home will compete against 19 other teams in the international Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C., this October.

The team for Calgary's student-built solar home worked for two years and included over 100 students, faculty and staff from the University of Calgary, SAIT Polytechnic, Mount Royal University, and the Alberta College of Art and Design.

Halley O'Byrne, U of C mechanical engineering student and project mechanical lead, said the team worked long days to complete the home and test all of its systems.

"The best part of the project was getting my hands in everything. I liked seeing all of the other disciplines at work."

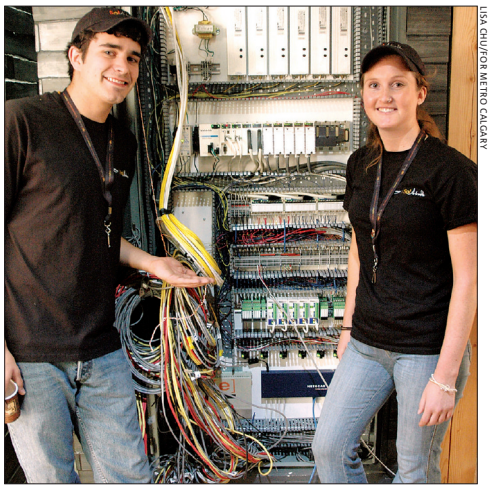
O'Byrne said this project will help change Calgary's predominant oil-and-gas reputation to reflect one that pushes for renewable resource use.

Behind the scenes, the sight of intertwined wires, thermal storage units and solar panels may intimidate a potential solar-home owner. O'Byrne said the team is working on an operator's manual — a solar home-owner, fix-it-yourself book.

Along with the energy-saving systems, the home's angular ceiling and asymmetrical rooms give Enmax SolAbode a unique look and feel.

Lauren Rooney, a U of C environmental science student, said the stone materials and wood structuring give the home a "very Albertan" style — something Rooney said her team believed was important.

Approximately 200,000 visitors are expected to tour the solar-home decathlon. After the competition, Team Alberta's solar home will be showcased in Vancouver during the 2010 Olympics.



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Kim Murfin, a SAIT architectural technologies graduate, and Kim Gould, a U of C engineering student, inside Team Alberta's ENMAX SolAbode student-built solar home at SAIT.

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High school students not fond of mandatory IDs

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SECURITY Some Crescent Height High School students say an initiative requiring them to wear photo identification is "useless."

The students are required to wear the photo ID on a red lanyard around their neck as a part of a new mandatory school security measure, which is not required by the Calgary Board of Education.

Grade 11 student Attila Harmath said he finds the ID cards more annoying than a guarantor of safety.

"I think it's useless — it's hard to remember them and I don't know why we need them," he said.

Half a dozen students Metro talked with all had negative feedback, and they say the school is strict about the new measure.

But CBE spokesperson Ted Flitton said the idea isn't about getting students in trouble, it's about keeping unwanted guests outside of the school.

"Just like a notebook, pens and pencils, the kids will now have their ID cards. This isn't a new measure," he said, referring to similar measures at Forest Lawn, James Fowler and Lester. B. Pearson high schools.

If the students lose their ID card, they can purchase a new one for $5.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Two Crescent Heights High School students show off their new mandatory photo ID cards.

Alderman seeks more funds for graffiti removal

MEREDITH O'HARA
for Metro Calgary

COUNCIL Ward 8 Ald. John Mar is going back to council to request money for private-property graffiti abatement.

Mar said last year he asked that council provide $1 million for the program. Council approved $250,000.

Mar's motion for Monday's council meeting asks for the additional $750,000 to be considered as part of the 2010 budget.

"Graffiti is a city-wide problem," Mar said.

If council ultimately approves the extra money, it would go towards lowering the cost of cleanup for private-property owners.

Mar said the extra funds could cover 80 per cent of the cost and the resident would cover 20 per cent.

The money would also help business owners, who would split the cost 50/50.

"Businesses are getting hit all the time by graffiti," Mar said.

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Calgary AfterSchool program proves a hit with kids, teenagers

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ACTIVITIES The City of Calgary has launched a new program to keep kids busy after school between the critical hours of 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in an effort to build stronger communities.

Calgary AfterSchool, a $3.3 million initiative, makes Calgary the first municipality to introduce such a comprehensive city-wide approach to after-school programs, according to the city.

"The research clearly shows that kids who participate in these types of programs tend to have higher self-esteem … do better in school and are more likely to avoid serious trouble," Mayor Dave Bronconnier said.

At the launch at the Thornhill Aquatics and Fitness Centre yesterday dozens of kids and teenagers were brimming with excitement while participating in physical activities in the gym, including 14-year-old C.J Cook.

"I'm really excited, especially to swim, I think it's my most favourite thing to do in the world," he said.

Calgary AfterSchool will have activities for youth between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, year-round.

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Olympians support charity for athletes

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While Canada focuses on today's Olympians, some of those same Olympians are focusing on the athletes of tomorrow.

Eighteen of Canada's Olympic and Paralympic athletes have come together to help raise money for Right to Play.

Athletes like Calgary's own Hailey Wickenheiser are featured in the 16-month calendar that went on sale this week.

All proceeds from the calendar will go to support the international humanitarian organization Right to Play.

"I think athletes in particular recognize the importance of sport for development because it's where we all got our start," said two-time Olympic medalist Beckie Scott.

Scott is also the special adviser to Right to Play for Western Canada.

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Canadian Olympic skier Emily Brydon smiles at the launch of an Olympic calendar fundraising project in Calgary on Thursday.

"The thought of a child somewhere in the world that does not have that opportunity … to engage in sport is really something that strikes a chord," Scott said.

At yesterday's launch Scott, Kyle Shewfelt, Melisa Hollingsworth and Emily Brydon signed the calendars for the first 500 shoppers.

"I think the athletes are great and what they're doing is great and they should be supported," said Adriene Stewart, who bought a calendar at yesterday's event.

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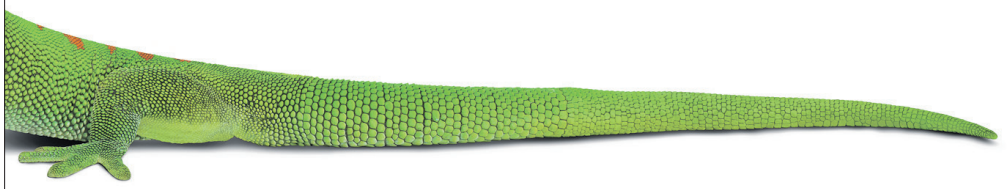

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Canada

Pay problems in 2010?

Canadians hoping for a boost in their paycheques next year may be disappointed, a survey of employers by Hewitt Associates suggests. The consulting firm said the average salary increase is projected to be 2.8 per cent nationally. Alberta's increase is projected at 3 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iggy raps '2 Harpers'

Liberal chief scorns calls for majority

Michael Ignatieff says Stephen Harper's musings prove he's two-faced.

The Liberal leader says videotaped comments that leaked out Thursday show the true prime minister.

"There have always been two Harpers," Ignatieff told a news conference.

"The real Harper always comes out when he thinks he can't be heard."

Ignatieff scoffed at the closed-door rallying cry for a majority.

He said he has met jobless Canadians who would "laugh in your face" if asked whether Harper deserves a majority.

In a leaked speech, Harper repeatedly discusses his desire to achieve one.

"Let me be clear about this: We need to win a majority in the next election campaign," the prime minister says

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Halifax **Spider-Man out for a spin**

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Spider-Man poses for a photo as he spins his web along Barrington Street in Halifax on Thursday. Spidey — a.k.a. John Ratchford, a photographer from North Sydney, N.S. — was jumping around on light posts and mailboxes as he made his way through downtown Halifax.

Vaccine coming too late?

Flu **Outbreak**

BUDGET Swine flu is likely to reach its epidemic peak in Canada this fall, a full month before the country has vaccines to prevent it, a major new study shows.

Indeed, vaccines will come too late to stop H1N1's spread across North America this fall, says the paper, published in the journal Science.

Had a vaccine been available for inoculations this month, the virus' spread would have been no worse than a typical seasonal flu outbreak, the paper says.

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Czech election off

The Czech constitutional Court ruled Thursday that national elections scheduled for Oct. 9-10 will not take place because the law that allowed them suspended the constitution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS 7

World

Heckler congressman feels wrath of Twitter

Earlier this week, Joe Wilson was just another relatively obscure Republican U.S. congressman.

By Thursday, the South Carolina politician had become a cause celebre thanks to two words shouted angrily at Barack Obama during the president's address to Congress: "You lie!"

For Canadians accustomed to the bare-knuckled verbal brawling that goes on during Question Period, the continuing fallout from Wilson's outburst might seem puzzling. But since 1952, American presidents have called together joint sessions of Congress to address major national issues only 15 times. Rarely, if ever, has a president been heckled.

While Democrats booed during two of George W. Bush's addresses, Wilson's shouted allegation that Obama was lying about health-care reform was seen as particularly egregious.

Wilson's startling breach of congressional decorum, in fact, has angered Republicans and Democrats alike.

Arizona Senator John McCain called it "totally disrespectful."

"There is no place for it in that setting, or any other, and he should apologize for it immediately," he said.

Wilson apologized for his outburst late Wednesday night. Obama, for his part, said he accepted Wilson's apology. "I do think that, as I said last night, we have to get to the point where we can have a conversation about big important issues that matter to the American people without vitriol."

Wilson has become an Internet sensation as his name was among the top searches on Google on Thursday. The Twitter and Facebook reaction to his outburst was swift and ruthless. His Wikipedia page was locked Wednesday night after repeated attempts to vandalize it, and his website went offline as countless Twitter and Facebook users posted its URL and the politician's office phone number.

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Republican Rep. Joe Wilson, centre, points as U.S. President Barack Obama addresses U.S. Congress on Wednesday.

Just like that

- Some social networkers provided information about Rob Miller, a U.S. Marine and Iraq war veteran who is Joe Wilson's political rival in the next mid-term election. By mid-Thursday, Miller's campaign coffers were $123,000 US richer and still swelling.

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Children among missing in capsizing

SIERRA LEONE More than 200 people, including schoolchildren, were missing and feared dead Thursday, a day after a boat capsized at sea, authorities said. Thirty-nine passengers have been rescued so far off the coast of the West African nation, said Naval Lt. Cmdr. Mao Suma, who is in charge of the rescue operation, which will continue at least until Saturday. Search teams have recovered 16 bodies, Suma said, and 213 people are missing and feared dead. "We are not expecting any more survivors because of the turbulence of the sea in the area," Suma said.

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Iraqi reporter a shoe-in as a national celebrity

BAGHDAD The Iraqi television reporter who threw his shoes at former U.S. President George W. Bush in one of the more bizarre episodes of the Iraq war might use his new iconic status in Iraq to promote humanitarian causes, his family said.

The reporter, Muntadhar al-Zeidi, is to be released Monday after nine months in prison.

He will be greeted by a nation where many feel his act of protest encapsulated their own bitterness over the war and U.S. occupation.

Bush was unhurt in the incident but had to duck twice in a stunning moment captured on TV and replayed countless times.

Al-Zeidi, a 30-year-old bachelor who was a virtual unknown working for a minor TV network, now has undeniable star power and is contemplating his future.

"My understanding is that al-Zeidi might quit his work as a journalist because he is sure that he will be turned away or boycotted by government officials," his brother Dargham said.

"Rather, he told me he is interested in working in a humanitarian organization or becoming an activist for women's and orphans' rights." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

BRITAIN British Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Thursday discussed the release of the Lockerbie bomber with U.S. President Barack Obama. A spokesman for Brown's office said the prime minister made it clear it was a matter for the Scottish government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Sudan caught with its pants down

GlobalView

Talk about shooting yourself in the foot. The Sudanese regime surely didn't reckon with the phenomenon of Lubna Hussein, the journalist arrested with 12 others in Khartoum in July and charged with "indecency" for wearing trousers in public.

Not only did she refuse the flogging sentence that 10 women accepted, she went to court to contest the charge, determined to show it has no basis in Islamic teaching.

The entire world was watching when a judge waived the flogging sentence Monday and ordered her to pay a $200 fine. But Hussein kicked the ball right back at the Khartoum government, refusing to pay the fine and choosing instead to spend a month in jail.

The Sudanese regime picked on the wrong woman. Despite her request to family and friends not to pay the fine on her behalf, the head of the Journalists Union — a member of the ruling party — paid the fine and Hussein was almost pushed out of prison — TV reports show her looking upset at being told to leave.

She said she didn't want to leave behind the almost 800 women who had no one to pay the fine for them.

Ponder that for a moment — the Sudanese authorities essentially ended up paying a fine for a ridiculous charge that they invented. Forget shooting yourself in the foot — they scored an own goal!

Just before Hussein was released, the UN human rights office said her conviction violated both the bill of rights in Sudan's interim constitution as well as international human rights treaties ratified by Sudan.

We know what Lubna Hussein did to expose the Sudanese regime's moral bankruptcy. What will the UN, for which Hussein used to work, do? She resigned from that job — which could have provided her immunity — to contest the charges.

It's about time the UN kicked out Sudan and other countries that so egregiously violate women's most basic rights in the name of "decency."

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.

Views

Secure financial future for Olympic Oval

UrbanCompass

Catriona Le May Doan is at it again. She's bringing her winning ways to help athletes and there's no better timing.

Next Thursday, she will host the Casino Royal fundraiser for Olympic athletes. Le May Doan's efforts mean a series of $1,000 bursaries for female hockey players, speedskaters, and cyclists who train at the Olympic Oval.

The training facility itself is supplying plenty of Casino Royal intrigue of its own.

When Oval staff rejected my son's free skating pass recently, I sensed desperation. The pass had no expiry date yet there was a kerfuffle.

The Winsport endowment that finances the Oval was invested in more than 50 per cent equities. It's coming up short, losing $9 million in 2007-08 alone. This meant Winsport couldn't meet its two-thirds commitment of the $2.98-million Olympic year budget so it transferred money from another endowment to meet its obligations. U of C and Win the Podium pitched in and saved the day.

It's next year we have to worry about, and the year after.

The Olympic Oval opened in 1987 for the 1988 Calgary Olympics. A $33-million Olympic endowment fund was established to ensure its maintenance.

What's next? The Winsport annual general meeting is next week, and the financial figures can't be good. There's been a proposal to transfer the financing of the Oval to the university. It seems to make sense. Current budget meetings between the government, U of C and Winsport are said to be arduous affairs.

It's not just Olympic athletes who need the facility. The ice sheets, running track and oval track are used by ordinary citizens.

The Oval's financial future needs to be secured. Even the remarkable Le May Doan can't skate her way out of this much Casino Royal intrigue next year.

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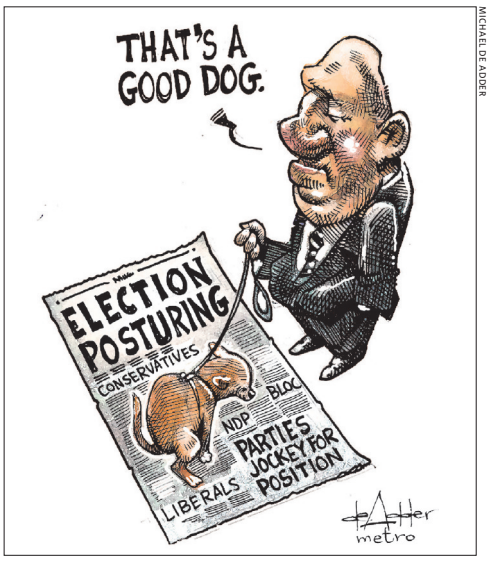

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Economy on the rebound: BoC

The Canadian economy is bouncing back from the recession stronger than previously believed, despite ongoing worries about the impact of a strong dollar, the Bank of Canada said Thursday, as it left interest rates untouched at the lowest level practicable.

In July, Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney appeared to go out on a limb when he declared that the recession was over, but now the bank says even Carney underestimated the rebound.

"Stimulative monetary and fiscal policies, improved financial conditions, firmer commodity prices, and a rebound in business and consumer confidence are supporting domestic demand growth in Canada," the bank said in a statement.

"Combined with recent information on inventory adjustments and automotive production, this suggests that GDP (gross domestic product) growth in the second half of 2009 could be stronger than the bank projected in July."

The bank said it will keep its key policy rate at the 0.25 per cent until at least July. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Magna gets Opel majority stake

AUTOMOTIVE General Motors said Thursday that Canada's Magna International Inc. and Russian lender Sberbank would take a majority stake in GM's European subsidiary Adam Opel GmbH, leaving GM with a minority stake that will enable it to keep developing vehicles with Opel. Key issues — including labour agreements, cost reductions and financing from the German government — remain to be finalized, GM said.

The deal was cheered by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who saw it as a jobs saver ahead of Sept. 27 national elections.

Magna hopes to use the Opel deal and an alliance with Russian carmaker Gaz to boost shipments of vehicles and parts from Europe to Russia.

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Fred Irwin, head of the Opel trust, left and General Motors' chief negotiator John Smith address a news conference in Berlin, Germany, on Thursday.

Business in brief

CARS General Motors Co. says it will allow new car buyers to return their vehicles within two months of purchasing them for a full refund if they're not satisfied. The program is part of a sweeping, new marketing campaign, called "May the Best Car Win." It wasn't immediately known if the program would apply to Canadian vehicles. The automaker says it will help prove its vehicles are competitive in terms of quality and performance.

INTERNET MTS Allstream, an independent Internet provider, and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business are launching a campaign they say is aimed at preserving competition in broadband services. The campaign is targeting Bell Canada and Telus, in addition to a recent CRTC decision which the coalition says enables Canada's two largest telecom companies to shut out competitors.

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West 49 sees a brighter future
Youth-oriented retailer West 49 reported a loss of $1 million for the second quarter, but said it will benefit from lowered expenses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lululemon lovin' it

The summer quarter was a lulu for Lululemon Athletica Inc.

It said revenues rose 14 per cent in the quarter as same-store sales came in better than expected, forcing the clothing retailer to boost its inventory to meet demand.

"We are very encouraged by the overall results we are seeing," Lululemon chief executive Christine Day said after releasing the second-quarter results that beat analyst expectations.

The Vancouver-based company's revenue, reported in U.S. currency, rose to $97.7 million from $85.5 million for the same time last year.

Net income fell to $9.2 million or 13 cents per share for the three months ended Aug. 2, down from $11.1 million or 16 cents per share in the year-earlier fiscal second quarter.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters were looking for revenues of $88 million US and earnings of 10 cents per share.

Same-store sales, from locations open a year or more, fell two per cent.

The company had anticipated a decline in the "middle single digits."

Lululemon said the company could have had flat same-store sales in the second quarter, but it ran out of inventory for some of its products.

The company said it is now working on beefing up its product base for the rest of the year, particularly in the fourth quarter.

Lululemon had 115 stores in the quarter compared to 92 stores a year ago, with almost all of the expansion taking place in the United States.

In Canada, there continued to be 43 stores.

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Sales sheet

- Lululemon's brand of clothing is aimed at women in their 30s. It also has a men's line.
- It had 115 stores in the quarter, 43 in Canada.

A woman models Lululemon apparel.

Transat will make cuts to ensure profit flies

TRAVEL Holiday company Transat A.T. Inc. says it is prepared to cut capacity and sacrifice market share if that is what it takes to increase its profitability amid uncertainties in next winter's key travel season.

The Montreal-based package tour operator and Air Transat charter airline said Thursday its fleet and partnership with CanJet will give it the flexibility to reduce capacity if demand falters.

Transat earned $31 million in the quarter ended July 31. The profit amounted to 94 cents per share.

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Business in brief

FOCUS MDS Inc. is committed to its strategy of selling off most of its major divisions and focusing on its Nordion unit, say executives of the Canadian life sciences company. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Heinen speaking Hitmen

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Sports

Semenya a hermaphrodite

World 800-metre champion Caster Semenya, left, of South Africa has male and female sexual organs, the Sydney Morning Herald reported Friday. The Herald said extensive examinations of the 18-year-old runner ordered by the IAAF have shown she is technically a hermaphrodite. The IAAF has said Semenya would probably keep her medal because the case was not related to a drug matter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Spruce Meadows unequalled

Of all the outdoor venues for sport in Canada, the International Ring at Spruce Meadows, on the outskirts of Calgary, stands out as a diamond in the rough.

To many it is a revelation.

Spruce Meadows is an under-appreciated jewel where, since its opening in 1975, millions of people from around the world have flocked. Experts agree that this venue has few, if any equals in the world.

The grounds at Spruce Meadows had their beginnings as a cattle feed lot more than 30 years ago, but steadily the place has blossomed into horse heaven and the final word in show jumping. It is the closest thing Canada can claim to baseball's iconic Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Toronto has historic Maple Leaf Gardens and the retractable roof at Rogers Centre. Montreal boasts the most expensive white elephant in the country in the Olympic Stadium. Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium claims the greatest permanent seating capacity of more than 60,000 as well as real grass.

But Spruce Meadows is much more impressive.

Comprised of 360 acres including two indoor and six outdoor competition rings, it has stabling for 1,000 horses. The place stages three seasonal tournaments and each year attendance approaches and often exceeds 500,000. The record one-day total in the showcase International Ring is 65,000, recorded last September as the Olympic medallists from Canada returned home to take on their rivals at the Spruce Meadows Masters.

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There is an immense clock tower flanked by sprawling grandstands and a giant natural grass bank where families rush to sit on blankets and watch the spectacular horses jump on the immaculate turf. The grass is always groomed to an emerald green in spite of the precocious foothills weather, and luxuriates over the space of four full football fields in the shadow of the majestic Rockies.

Spruce Meadows can take your breath away. There is also a magic that goes beyond the competition it fosters. Spruce Meadows has always been about accessibility. Admission for the day is five dollars per family and if you don't have the coin they'll let you in free.

All of which makes the International Ring at Spruce Meadows a masterpiece stadium not to be missed.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Coyotes' third option emerges

PHOENIX It turns out there's a surprise third option available to the judge charged with deciding the fate of the Phoenix Coyotes — and it probably won't be to the liking of either Gary Bettman or Jim Balsillie.

Judge Redfield T. Baum raised the possibility that he might not award the team to either the NHL or Balsillie's company PSE as a two-day auction for the bankrupt franchise began Thursday.

The revelation came early in the proceedings and sent a ripple through the courtroom. Jordan Kroop, a lawyer for former Coyotes majority owner Jerry Moyes, was speaking about the bids when he was interrupted by the judge.

"There is a third opportunity when we're done here — no sale," said Baum.

"Theoretically," Kroop responded.

"I think it's more than theoretical," said Baum. "You all ought to keep that in mind."

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Sports in brief

GOLF Two days after being left off the Presidents Cup team, Rory Sabbatini had seven birdies in a round of 5-under 66 to share the lead with Steve Marino in the BMW Championship. Calgary's Stephen Ames carded a 5-over 76.

TRACK Citing fatigue, Usain Bolt has pulled out of the Daegu Pre-Championship Meeting track meet in South Korea.

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Movies

Here comes the fun Pg 14

Drew Barrymore makes her directorial debut with Whip It, a comedy about a Texas teen — played by Ellen Page — who turns to the rugged world of roller derby. It's just one of a few films in a highly anticipated fall movie season that includes Amelia Earhart and Michael Jackson.

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Whiteout, Beckinsale leave viewers feeling pretty cold.

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Country star Reba's got it all — except for the big head.

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VMA host Russell Brand has a warning for Lady Gaga.

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Whiteout

Movies

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Hot films for fall days

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Autumn is always the most varied movie season of the year.

From heart-tugging chick flicks like Jennifer Aniston's Love Happens (Sept. 18) to a Bruce Willis-led thriller called Surrogates (Sept. 25) and even festival films like Toronto's biopic opener Creation (Sept. 25), the fall provides something for just about anyone.

For that reason, multiplexes provide a great relief for those who need a break from days getting shorter, the imminent prospect of having to rake a lawn covered in leaves or filmgoers who simply crave a cinematic escape. Here's Metro's look at some promising movies you may want to watch out for this fall:

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(Above left) Canadian actress Ellen Page, centre, takes on the world of roller derby in Whip it; Megan Fox stars in Jennifer's Body.

JENNIFER'S BODY (SEPT. 18): Juno-scribe Diablo Cody penned this horror movie about a demonic, cannibalistic cheerleader (Megan Fox) who eats her way through school — and I'm not talking the cafeteria's meatloaf either.

FAME (SEPT. 25): A re-invention of the 1980 Oscar-winning film that centred on a group of young struggling dancers, this movie will "learn how to fly high" at the box-office.

ZOMBIELAND (OCT. 2): We need another zombie movie like the walking dead need massage therapy but this comedy about a rag-tag group of zombie-hunters should add a little levity to the genre.

COUPLES RETREAT (OCT. 9): Vince Vaughn leads this laugher about four couples engaged in group therapy at a resort. Now who doesn't like to giggle at dysfunctional marriages when they're not your own?

Fall Preview

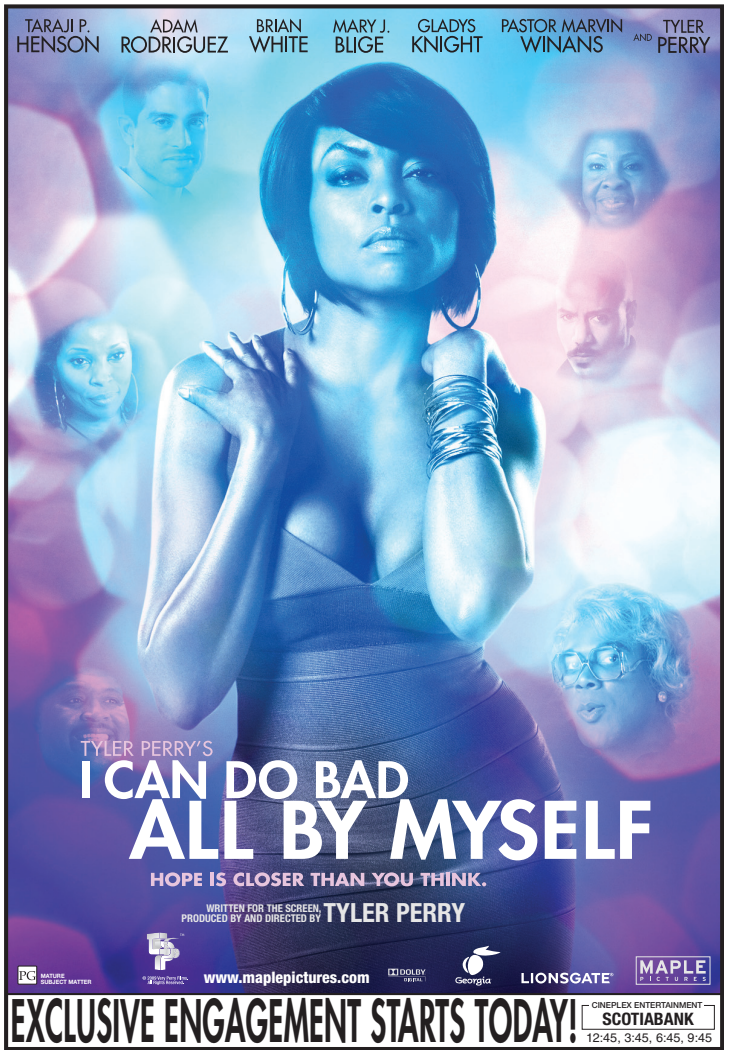
WHIP IT (OCT. 9): Drew Barrymore makes her directorial-debut with this comedy about a Texas teen (Ellen Page) that turns to the rugged world of roller derby.

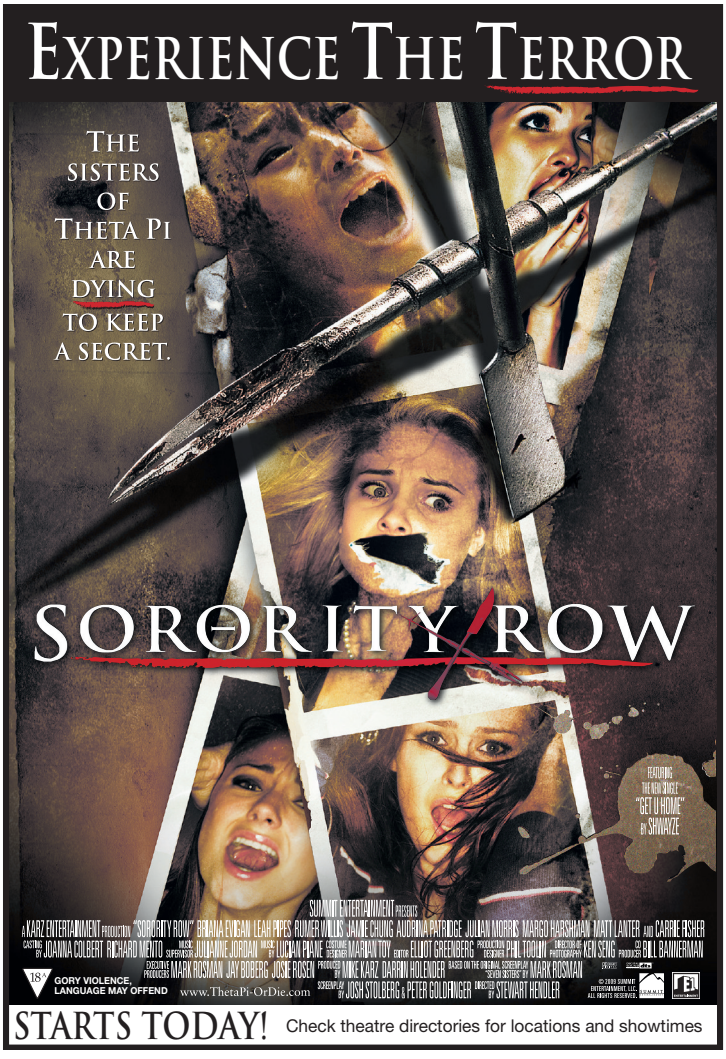
THE ROAD (OCT. 16): This bleak, post-apocalyptic drama starring Viggo Mortensen should perk the interest of the throngs who've read Cormac McCarthy's popular Pulitzer Prize-winning book.

AMELIA (OCT. 23): Shot in Winnipeg and Halifax, Hilary Swank stars as 1930's aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart whose mysterious disappearance is still unsolved. Oops, I may have just spoiled the ending.

THIS IS IT (OCT. 23): The now infamous film patchworks the last days of pop star Michael Jackson and his rehearsals for the 50-date concert that was not to be.

DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL (NOV. 6): Robert Zemeckis utilizes ground-breaking 3-D animation to re-imagine the Charles Dickens classic that annually announces the beginning of winter and sadly, the end of autumn.





Emma's witch connection
You think Emma Watson won her Harry Potter role just because of her talent and beauty? According ancestry.com, the 19-year-old actress is a distant relative of Joan Playle, who was convicted of witchcraft in 1592. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Good girls gone blood

Getting covered in gore was a blast: Audrina Patridge

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Actress and television personality Audrina Patridge understands the volatile dynamic that often evolves around young women whose social lives are too tightly linked.

Her MTV reality show The Hills charted the behaviours between her and a group of Los Angeles women and was a smash hit.

Her latest offering, the horror thriller Sorority Row, treads similar ground and many people get smashed and hit, not to mention bludgeoned, hacked, stabbed...

The film — a loose remake of the 1983 slasher opus The House on Sorority Row — stars Patridge as one of a gaggle of college girls (including Rumer Willis, Leah Pipes and Briana Evigan) whose prank gone wrong results in mass murder and cheesecake terror.

Sorority Row opens in theatres today

Although not prescreened for critics in its entirety, (the first 20 minutes were revealed to a select few earlier this year), the picture appears to be a high gloss, exploitation quickie with Patridge — although her turn is brief — exhibiting a surprising amount of dramatic, on-the-throes-of-death chops.

Yes, it's no secret that the comely starlet is the first to go… and graphically so.

"There is so much blood, it's awesome," says Patridge about her messy but pivotal part. "I've loved horror movies all of my life and I was so excited to do it and get covered in all that gore. It was so sticky and cold and crazy nasty. I had a blast."

Mass murder and mayhem ensue when a prank by a gaggle of college girls goes horribly wrong in Sorority Row.

Movie **feature**

Although the plot of Sorority Row sees the aforementioned damsels turn on each other as tensions mount and bodies pile-up, Patridge claims their of screen dynamic was anything but vicious.

"We all bonded really quickly and became really close. In the movie, not so much but in reality our chemistry was fantastic and we're still all really good friends."

Earlier this year, Patridge announced that she was leaving The Hills to pursue her own reality program called, appropriately, The Audrina Show.

But although Sorority Row is only her second feature film (the first being 2008's Into the Blue 2), the actress doesn't want to only be known as a TV star and hopes to continue exploring her new muse.

"I'd really love to do a period film," she admits. "I'm obsessed with The Tudors. I would go insane if I could that wear those elegant, feminine costumes and enter another time and place."

Akerman 'sweaty' over Obama

The First Lady better watch out. Swedish-Canadian Watchmen star Malin Akerman has a thing for Barack Obama. "I get sweaty palms when I think about him," she tells Esquire magazine. POPEATER.COM

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Whiteout comes off cold

Whiteout
Director: Dominic Sena
Stars: Kate Beckinsale
Classification: STC
Rating:

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Metro World News

If anyone was worried they weren't going to get to see enough of Kate Beckinsale in her new Antarctica-set thriller Whiteout, fear not.

Sub-zero temperatures or not, the filmmakers still shamelessly work in a steamy shower scene for their star, complete with a detailed account of her stripping out of her clothes — though this could pass for exposition, since now we know exactly how many layers are needed to keep warm down there.

So fans of Beckinsale's more revealing work — in, say, Underworld — have been satisfied.

But what about viewers looking for a good, taut thriller to wrap their minds around? Look elsewhere. While Whiteout isn't bad by any stretch of the imagination, it is wholly unsatisfying, both technically proficient and incredibly boring.

In short, while a U.S. marshal (Beckinsale) waits out the last hours of her self-imposed exile at a post at the South Pole, the icy continent plays host to purportedly its first homicide, threatening our heroine's hopes for making a flight to warmer climates along with her safety.

But aside from a thrilling prologue set 50 years earlier and an impressively frightening encounter early on with the axe-wielding masked killer, there's little in this thriller that thrills.

• For Whiteout photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Kate Beckinsale gets caught in murder in Whiteout.

Hader, Faris dig into Meatballs voiceover

HEIDI PATALANO
for Metro Canada

FEATURE "My relationship with food is very neutral. We're just friends," says SNL comedian Bill Hader, while doing press for 3-D animated feature Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs.

Hader voices Flint Lockwood, a crackpot inventor who makes it rain cheeseburgers and pea soup for the local citizens of Chewandswallow, who suffered for years with only anchovies to eat.

Though the film, based on a children's storybook of the same name, focuses on the town's growing dilemma of this unstoppable raining food, Hader and co-star Anna Faris say that what they loved most about the film was it's celebration of geek-dom.

"It's kind of a cool moment when you realize that that can be attractive to somebody, that being yourself is kinda good," says Hader.

"I remember the first time I met my wife, I went to her apartment and she had Star Wars curtains. I said, 'I am going to marry you.'"

"Bill and I are both geeks," Faris says, before Hader swiftly reminds her to speak for herself.

Doing the animated film was a challenge for both comedic actors, who thought they were in for an easy ride.

"It's the hardest job that I've ever had," says Hader. "It's such a unique challenge to try to channel everything into your voice."

But Faris, who has starred in such comedies as The House Bunny and the Scary Movie franchise, sees a bright side to all that hard work.

"It's finally a movie I've done that people under 10 can see."

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Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-9:35
Away We Go (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25
Easy Virtue (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:35-8:15
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:15
My Sister's Keeper (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:20-9:50
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:10
Orphan (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:30-8
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-6:50-9:45
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 4:10-7:05
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:35
Up (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7-9:30

CROWFOOT CROSSING
91 Crowfoot Terrace, 403-547-3316

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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:25
Gamer (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:20-9:55
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10

Awkward crossword writer Mary (Sandra Bullock) obsessively follows TV cameraman Steve (Hollywood It boy Bradley Cooper) across the country after a single blind date in All About Steve.

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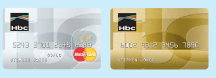

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Billboard's top albums

1. I Look To You, Whitney Houston, left; 2. Ready, Trey Songz; 3. Time Of Our Lives, Miley Cyrus; 4. Bang! Pow! Boom!, Insane Clown Posse; 5. Breakthrough, Colbie Caillat. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

The British obsession

SoundCheck

During a frantic 35-hour music mission to the U.K. last weekend, I stole some time to do some record shopping. Everywhere I went, I thought the same thing: God, the British love music.

All the record stores I visited were filled with so many CDs, vinyl records, DVDs, books, magazines and t-shirts that I became disoriented. The line at the HMV check-out snaked around itself three times. Meanwhile, back in the stacks, strangers debated and argued with each other while simultaneously offering recommendations and suggestions.

How can a nation of 60 million people support so many excellent music magazines? Q, Mojo, Record Collector, Kerrang, Uncut, Word, Classic Rock, the NME — the list goes on.

There are the endless summer festivals (Glastonbury, Leeds, Reading, T in the Park, V-Fest, Bestival, Latitude, Download and more). The BBC remains a powerful and popular musical force. And while they support music made by their own, the British often embrace foreign bands before they find any love at home (Pixies, Nirvana, The Killers, Kings of Leon, Gossip.)

Why are the people of this rainy island in the North Atlantic so passionate about music? Could it be the tradition of the arts that extends back beyond Chaucer? Or maybe as the nation that gave the world The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin, the British just get it more than we do.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Reba's common touch

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

Reba McEntire is one of the biggest stars in country music. Records, tours, movies, Broadway shows and a popular TV series have made her wealthy beyond most people's imagination.

But she's never lost the common touch that made her so popular.

"As my sister says, 'Reba's just like everybody else,'" McEntire says in an interview from her Nashville home. "'She just happens to sing better than a few.'"

That common touch is felt all over the 13 tracks on Keep On Loving You, McEntire's first solo album in six years.

The current hit single, Consider Me Gone, is a plain talkin' girl power song with a simple message — treat me right or I'm outta here.

There's also Eight Crazy Hours (In the Story of Love) about a mom escaping to a cheap motel for a day to get away from an impending nervous breakdown.

"She can't cope with it anymore," McEntire, a native of Oklahoma, explains. "So she goes away by herself, deals with it and comes back, picks up a bucket of chicken, the kids from school and she's back at home ... I think everyone has those kind of days."

McEntire is now 54 (a rare co-write on the album is called She's Turning 50 Today), her son is 19 and off to college, and she's raring to get back on the touring circuit again.

She's starting off gently, with an appearance Sunday night on the Canadian Country Music Awards, broadcast live from Vancouver's GM Place.

Reba McEntire is set to perform Sunday night at the Canadian Country Music Awards from GM Place in Vancouver.

CCMAs

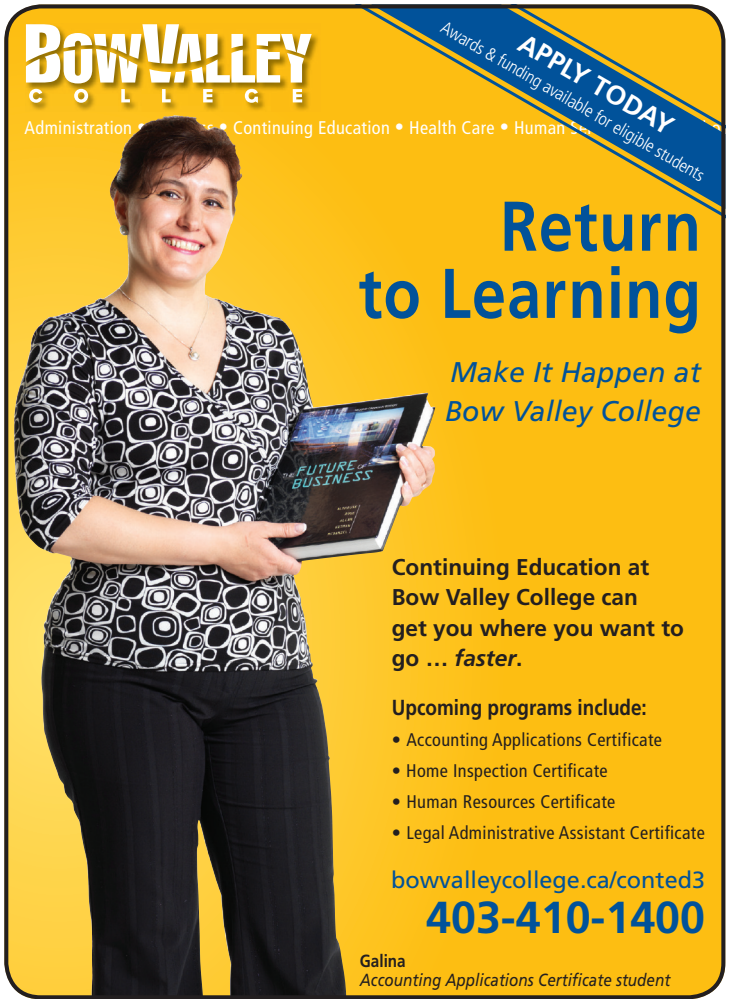
When: Sunday night on CBC
Host: Jason Priestley

"Canada has always been very very good to me since the early '80s when we started touring up there," McEntire says.

In the new year, it's back to the big arenas, places McEntire ruled during the '80s and '90s.

McEntire admits that's a place she hasn't been for a while. Her career has been dominated most of the past few years by her successful TV sitcom, Reba, which ran for six seasons before being suddenly cancelled in 2007. McEntire, who never trained as an actor, says she's hoping for another shot at TV.

"It's on reruns four times a day seven days a week," she says about her show. "So a lot of people don't even know that we stopped filming."



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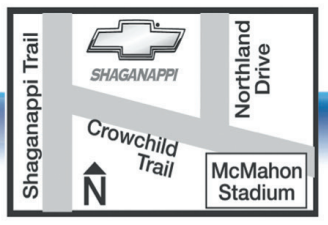

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Rave reviews for Ellen

Ellen DeGeneres is already receiving a rave review from the judges' panel at America's Got Talent after the announcement she'd be Paula Abdul's replacement on American Idol. **PEOPLE.COM**

Television

Brand is back to host VMAs

Comedian/actor Russell Brand.

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"I didn't think I'd do it after last year but I am," shrugs lascivious comedian, actor and self-proclaimed S&M Willy Wonka Russell Brand regarding his hosting of this year's MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs), airing live from New York's Radio City Music Hall this Sunday on MuchMusic.

"(The producers) did say straight after, 'Do you want to do it next year,' and I went, 'Yeah, alright. I sort of agreed immediately after."

Brand's reappearance as VMAs master of ceremonies is a shock not only to the masses but to the 34 year-old Brit himself. While overseeing the event last year, his controversial quips about the likes of then-president George W. Bush, Britney Spears and cherubic musicians The Jonas Brothers garnered everything from guffaws to dropped jaws and even death threats.

Regardless, ratings shot up like a rocket. The vaguely familiar comic became an instant hit for both his humour and ability to wrangle 'em in via lambasting key Americana figures and causing quite the embroilment.

"It doesn't take much, does it? Bloody hell," he grunts. "I was saying things that were completely daft. There were some good things in there too but it's all just jokes. I'm only mucking about. These are not serious views; I'm not trying to push this through Parliament. But this year, they haven't said anything is taboo…just the usual stuff like not getting people to march onto the street and overthrow the government or promote Communism."

Brand's presence this year is already causing a whirlwind of activity. So, who exactly is Brand looking to poke fun at?

"If you drop the words 'fun' and 'at,' then Lady Gaga," he admits. "I've got more than words for her. I'm rather interested in that individual. Overall though, it doesn't do to get negative about people. It ends up making you feel bad. I just think: 'They're all just people who were born and they're gonna die. So just be nice to 'em.'"

FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 9/11/09	243	317	3 CFCN	etalk	Hollywood	Defying Gravity (N)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Medium (HDTV)		CTV News
	-	-	4 OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		Omni News: Cantonese Edition		The Simpsons	King	Metropia
	-	371	5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Supernanny		Ugly Betty (HDTV)		20/20 (N)
	245	306	6 CBRT	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	*Diverted* (2009, Docudrama) Shawn Ashmore. (DVS)				CBC News: The National		The Hour
	244	338	7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Global Currents: Warrior Boyz		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		Glee "Showmance"		News Hour
	246	-	8 CKAL	Law & Order: SVU		Out There	Out There	Man Tracker		Ugly Betty (HDTV)		Your City
	-	372	12 KREM	News	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)		John Stockton	Paid Program	Medium (HDTV)		NUMB3RS
	-	374	14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	P.O.V.
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy!	Wheel-Fortune	Southland "Derailed"		Dateline NBC		
	-	373	22 KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Glee "Showmance"		News
news	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National		Conspiracy Files		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Conspiracy
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Tonight		News	CTV News	News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400	21 TSN	CFL Football		CFL Football Calgary Stampeders at Edmonton Eskimos. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
	408	418	27 net	MLB Baseball		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco Giants. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543	20 YTV	The Next Star "Duets"		iCarly		iCarly "iGo to Japan"			Sorry-No Head	Family Biz
	557	541	39 FAM	Zoey 101	Jonas (N)	Sonny Chance	*Roxy Hunter and Mystery of Moody Ghost*			(10:02) *Magic in the Water* (1995, Fantasy)		
cable variety	603	561	25 FOOD	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
	615	520	26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds
	617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		Howie Do It		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
	520	505	35 DISC	Man vs. Wild "Everglades"		Hunt for the Mad Trapper		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild "Everglades"		Dirty Jobs
	628	584	43 SPIKE	(6:53) UFC Unleashed		(7:56) UFC Unleashed		NRL Rugby Teams TBA.				Afro Samurai
	522	516	45 HIST	Go Deep In Istanbul.		History Bites: Filthy Rich		Cold Blood A long-closed case.		The 9/11 Conspiracies: Fact or Fiction		
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) *GoodFellas* ★★★★ (1990, Crime Drama)				*The Return of the Living Dead* ★★ (1985, Horror)				*The Fly*
	581	566	102 MTV	Nitro Circus	Fantasy Fact.	True Love	The X Effect	Made "Kickboxer"		Beatdown	Pranked	True Love

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 9/12/09	243	317	3 CFCN	W-FIVE-S&M: Short & Male		The Vampire Diaries		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order (HDTV)		CTV News
	-	-	4 OMNI	Most Amazing	Mandarin Mag.	Most Amazing	Trendy Zone	Movie				Most Amazing
	-	371	5 KXLY	(5:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Chevy Rock & Roll 400. (HDTV) (Live)					The Insider (N)	*Around the World in 80 Days* ★★ (2004)		
	245	306	6 CBRT	The Nature of Things		Equestrian BMO Nations Cup.				Intelligence (DVS)		*Minority Report*
	244	338	7 CICT	Doc		Mental		*Absolution* (2006, Drama) Samantha Mathis.				News Final (N)
	246	-	8 CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries		Model Search		*Zacharia Farted* (1998, Comedy-Drama), Benjamin Ratner				The City Show
	-	372	12 KREM	U.S. Open Tennis		Cold Case "Fireflies"		Paid Program	Paid Program	Access Hollywood (N)		48 Hr. Mystery
	-	374	14 KSPS	Lawrence Welk's TV Treasures				Celtic Thunder -- Take Me Home			Get Down Tonight: Disco	
	-	370	16 KHQ	News (N)	Primetime Pre.	CSI: NY "Fare Game"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law/Ord SVU
	-	373	22 KAYU	House "Skin Deep"		Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		News
news	502	390	15 CBC	National	Mansbridge	This Beat Goes On		National	Our World	National	Mansbridge	This Beat
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend		CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
sports	400	400	21 TSN	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Chevy Rock & Roll 400.					SportsCentre		WEC WrekCage (HDTV)	
	408	418	27 net	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected		English Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs. Arsenal.				Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543	20 YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		Smallville		Survive This
	557	541	39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Latest Buzz	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Innerspace* ★★★ (1987, Comedy)		
cable variety	603	561	25 FOOD	Chopped		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Hell's Kitchen		Challenge		Chopped
	615	520	26 A&E	CSI: Miami "Rush"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	About a Girl	The Guard (HDTV)		*A Decent Proposal* (2007, Drama) Jessica Tuck.				*Fantastic Four*
	520	505	35 DISC	Dirty Jobs "Mike's Day Off"		Destroyed	Destroyed	Criss Angel Mindfreak		Dirty Jobs "Mike's Day Off"		Destroyed
	628	584	43 SPIKE	The Ultimate Fighter						Disorderly Conduct: Video		Disorderly Conduct: Video
	522	516	45 HIST	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Ultimate Engineering		Cities of the Underworld		*Behind Enemy Lines* ★★ (2001, Action)		
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) *Lethal Weapon 2* ★★★ (1989, Action)				*Lethal Weapon 3* ★★★ (1992, Action) Mel Gibson, Joe Pesci.				*Blown Away*
	581	566	102 MTV	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live

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primetime 9/13/09	243	317	3 CFCN	Gary Unmarr	Gary Unmarr	*The Good Times Are Killing Me* (2009, Drama) (DVS)				Criminal Minds		CTV News
	-	-	4 OMNI	Without a Trace		Without a Trace		Bollywood Boulevard (DVS)		There Goes the Neighborhood		
	-	371	5 KXLY	News	Explorer TV	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Shark Tank (N)		Defying Gravity
	245	306	6 CBRT	Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)		Canadian Country Music Awards (HDTV) (N)				National	Politicians	Doctor Who
	244	338	7 CICT	16:9 Picture	Family Guy	(8:01) Big Brother 11		2009 Canada's Walk of Fame (N)				News Final (N)
	246	-	8 CKAL	The T.O. Show	*Tomorrow Never Dies* ★★★ (1997, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Jonathan Pryce.					Conviction Kitchen (N)		Most Amazing
	-	372	12 KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)		60 Minutes (HDTV)		(9:01) Big Brother 11		There Goes the Neighborhood		Neighborhood
	-	374	14 KSPS	Great Performances				Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop				MI-5
	-	370	16 KHQ	(6:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers.					News	Law & Order: SVU		CSI: NY
	-	373	22 KAYU	House "Skin Deep"		Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		King of the Hill (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News
news	502	390	15 CBC	National	Politicians	102 Minutes That Changed The World (N)				National	Politicians	102 Minutes
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of Union
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sports	400	400	21 TSN	(6:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers.					SportsCentre (Live)		NASCAR Racing	
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	557	541	39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled! (N)	Overruled! (N)	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Beetlejuice* ★★★ (1988, Comedy)		
cable variety	603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover		Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.
	615	520	26 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds
	617	522	32 SHOW	NCIS		ReGenesis (HDTV)		*The Unquiet* (2007, Suspense) Cara Buono, Chris Martin.				Weeds
	520	505	35 DISC	(6) Are We Alone? (N)		MythBusters "Curving Bullets"		Anthony Bourdain		Are We Alone?		
	628	584	43 SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scn
	522	516	45 HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ancient Discoveries		Secrets of the Freemasons		Battlefield Quebec: Wolfe and Montcalm		
	-	-	47 AMC	(5:30) *Top Gun* (1986)		Mad Men "The Fog" (N)		(9:02) Mad Men		(10:03) Breaking Bad		Mad Men
	581	566	102 MTV	MTV Live	MTV News	MTV Live	MTV News	After	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs

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Mayer not with Hills star

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Skate Dreams

When: Sept. 12
Where: Shaw Millennium Park

For a stunt filled afternoon head to Millennium Park to see Dan Davidson-Pilon. The local rollerblader and his friends will be putting on a stunt rollerblade contest and fundraiser. They want to raise awareness about the importance of wearing a helmet. The action starts at noon and runs until 10 p.m.

PechaKucha Night

When: Sept 14
Where: Theatre Junction Grand

Calgary's first ever PechaKucha night is part of Culture Month celebration. The event is a chance for designers, developers and architects to show their work in public. Everything starts 6:30 p.m. Monday night.

First BOLD Red Tent Gathering

Sat, Sept. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bridgeland Riverside Community Association, 917 Centre Ave NE

Enjoy live dance, interactive yoga, massage and well-known speakers at this fundraising event for Elizabeth House, a home for pregnant and parenting teens. It's touted as an opportunity for mothers to speak out about their births.

Calgary Twestival

Sat. Sept. 12 – Doors open at 6 p.m.
The Auburn Saloon, 163, 115 – 9 Ave SE
Tickets $30 at the door

Get to know in person those you know via Twitter at the second Twestival, a charity event aimed at raising money for the Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids charity.

MEOW Foundation Cat and Dog Fall Adoption

Sept 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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In brief

BACK TO STAGE Natalie Cole has returned to the concert stage for first time since a successful kidney transplant. The 59-year-old singer performed Wednesday night at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. Cole had the surgery in May. She received a standing ovation from the crowd as she walked onto the stage in a purple jewel-studded gown by designer Lloyd Klein.

GUITAR HALL OF FAME Barbara Mandrell has become the first woman to be inducted into the Steel Guitar Hall of Fame. Mandrell was a multi-instrumentalist as a child. She toured with The Johnny Cash Show at age 13 and had her first Billboard chart record at 21. Later, she had her own weekly variety television show, Barbara Mandrell and the Mandrell Sisters.

MORE SWIFT Taylor Swift is giving fans some new music, even though she's not yet releasing a new album. The 19-year-old country and pop sensation is re-releasing her top-selling CD Fearless Oct. 27 with six new songs. She will also include a DVD of photos, tour footage and her videos, including her comedic clip with T-Pain from the CMT Awards. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Carrie's bling
Sarah Jessica Parker wears a Solange Azagury-Partridge necklace worth almost $200,000 US on the set of the new Sex And The City movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Charlie's 9/11 theory

IDEAS Actor Charlie Sheen has a serious bone to pick with 9/11 and what most people think was behind it, popeater.com reports.

He's demanded a meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama to discuss his views. Sheen, who believes that the Sept. 11 terror attacks were carried out by the U.S. government, gave an interview to prisonplanet.com in the form of a fictional conversation he'd like to have with Obama.

In it, Sheen declared that "the official 9/11 story is a fraud," and was used as a "pretext for the systematic dismantling of our Constitution and Bill of Rights."

He went on to say that former U.S. president George Bush used the attacks as a way to create a war with Iraq.

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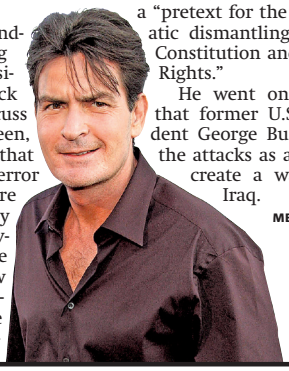

Eddie's other, other woman?

GETTING AROUND Eddie Cibrian has been exposed as a serial cheater by a model who says he was dating behind her behind his wife's and mistress Leann Rimes' backs, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

Scheana Marie Jancan has sensationally claimed she was part of a love square, which ended the TV star's marriage to Brandi Glanville — and she's still in shock about the whole thing, the website reports.

Jancan tells Life & Style magazine she and Cibrian were romantically involved for three years during his marriage, but she had no idea he was cheating on her with country star and actress Rimes.

Rimes and Cibrian initially denied reports they were an item after surveillance cameras caught them enjoying an intimate night out together, but Rimes and Cibrian, who played lovers on TV movie Northern Lights, have since ended their marriages and gone public with their romance.

A jilted Jancan has warned Rimes to be careful — because she's sure her ex-lover will cheat again.

She told the publication, "Eddie's with LeAnn now, but it's just a fling. Eddie cheated on Brandi. He cheated on me. He's going to do it to LeAnn."

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Celebrity tweets

John Mayer has some advice for women he meets at clubs and Tila Tequila keeps her fans updated on her alleged assault case.

• @johncmayer Rule of law: if you tell me within two minutes of meeting me that you are "real," you are in fact not. But neat dress.

• @officialTila Wish me luck guys! Im going 2 San Diego tomorrow 2 speak w/the DA! Choking me is NOT OK

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GETTY IMAGES

Katherine announces adoption

MOTHERHOOD Katherine Heigl is going to be a mom. The actress and her husband are adopting a baby girl, she told Ellen DeGeneres.

"It is a little girl and she'll be 10 months," Heigl said of the Korean-born special needs child.

"She was actually born the day before me in November, which I thought was really serendipitous and just kind of like a sign ... I basically forfeited my birthday for the rest of my life."

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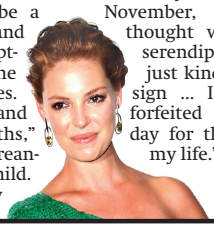

Lindsay after Mischa's job?

WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS Looks like Lindsay Lohan's job hunting may have endangered her friendship with Mischa Barton.

Sources on the set of Barton's new series, The Beautiful Life, claim that when Barton's hospitalization in July threatened to derail filming, Lohan got in touch with producers to let them know she was more than willing to take Barton's place, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

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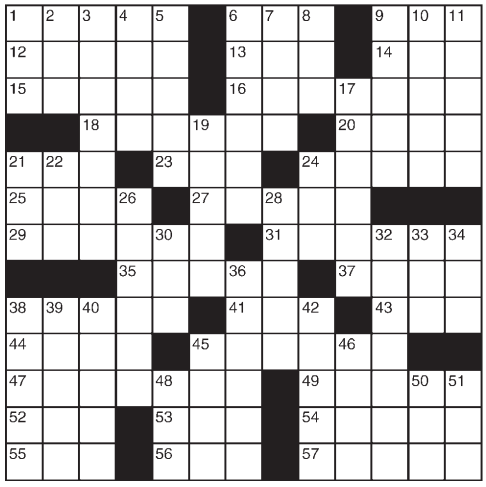

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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			3		9	4		

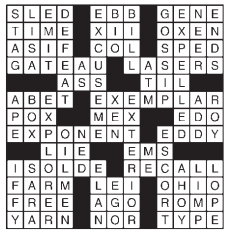
ACROSS

1 Thespian
6 "Birth — Nation"
9 Edwards or Andrews (Abbr.)
12 Commercial for a TV show
13 Bribe
14 Grazing land
15 Mature
16 Lightweight outerwear
18 "For sure"
20 Emcee
21 "Eureka!"
23 Eventual aves
24 Big and strong
25 Bull's-eye hitter
27 Standish stand-in
29 "Sophie's Choice" author
31 Boxing combination
35 English homework, perhaps
37 Luke's mentor
38 Perhaps
41 Sleep phenom
43 Calif. hours
44 Garfield's pal
45 "Raging Bull" star
47 Kewpie doll feature
49 Jordanian money
52 Raw rock
53 Blond shade
54 Fashion
55 In medias —
56 Pod dweller
57 Entice

DOWN

1 Spring mo.
2 Dernier —
3 Botanical sculpture
4 Portent
5 Sonata movement
6 Bony
7 Comestibles
8 Software program
9 Unfriendly
10 Banquet
11 Cuckoo
17 Biden predecessor
19 Country singer Sara
21 Billboards
22 Chapeau
24 Coop occupant
26 Man with all the answers?
28 Senior member
30 Sugar suffix
32 Place name
33 Sentence pts.
34 Feedbag morsel
36 "Queen of Soul"
38 Engine
39 Worship
40 "Holy smoke!"
42 Central part
45 Rx measure
46 Ceremony
48 Siesta
50 Jungfrau, for one
51 On pension (Abbr.)

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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7	2	5	3	9	1	6	8	4
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Metro Recipe of the Day

SARAH POMPER

Ginger Garlic Chicken Stir Fry

Submitted by Alison Glasbergen, Victoria, B.C.

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup Jasmine rice
2 cups water
FOR MARINADE:
2 garlic cloves, crushed
3 inch piece of ginger, peeled and grated
1 tbsp soy sauce
2 tsp sesame oil
FOR STIR FRY:
1 tbsp vegetable oil
2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, sliced into strips (or 4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs)
1-2 carrots, sliced
1 small head of broccoli, cut into bite-size florets
1 small package sugar snap peas, ends removed
4-5 mushrooms, sliced
1/2 green pepper, chunked
(other vegetables can be substituted or added)
METHOD:
1. Cook Jasmine rice according to package directions. Meanwhile, combine ingredients for marinade in a medium bowl.
2. Add sliced chicken, stir to combine and set aside while preparing vegetables.
3. Heat vegetable oil in large frying pan, add chicken, and stir-fry until chicken is no longer pink (about 2 minutes). Remove chicken from frying pan to a separate dish and keep warm in the oven.
4. Add a bit more oil to pan and add chopped vegetables, reserving mushrooms, and stir-fry for about 4-5 minutes.
5. Add mushrooms and continue stir-frying for another 3 minutes. Add a few drops of water to help vegetables steam cook when stir-frying.
6. When vegetables are crisp tender, add chicken and stir to combine (if desired, add a splash or two of soy sauce, then stir).
7. Serve with rice. Enjoy!

SERVES 2
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You are about to discover what has really been going on behind the scenes. Chances are it won't be as bad as you feared.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
With Pluto, planet of power, now coming to the end of its retrograde phase your energy will soon return.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today's cosmic alignment will bring you into conflict with some of the people you care most about in the world.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Pressures have been building up around you for a long time now and at some stage today they will become almost unbearable.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You can be astonishingly stubborn at times and chances are you won't give way on anything today, no matter how small or inconsequential.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
No amount of discussion is going to win others round to your way of thinking, so all you can do is fight for what you believe.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You should know by now that different people see things in different ways and if you accept that fact you won't have too many problems.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Keep a sense of perspective today, especially where money matters and business issues are concerned.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be feeling assertive and ambitious today but don't push it too far or you could turn people against you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
As Pluto, planet of transformation, turns direct in your sign you will be asking yourself some serious questions, like "What does it all mean?"

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may be tempted to go back on a promise but if you do you will regret it by the end of the month.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Something will happen today that shocks you, but looking back you will realize that you should have seen it coming.

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